

Systems Integration and Alignment Committee (SIAC) Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2015
10am- 12 pm
33 W. Monroe – 24th floor, Executive Committee Room
Conference call in number: 888-494-4032
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Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)

Karen Berman/ Vanessa Rich

In-person:

Alicia Siani	Karen Berman
Alli Lowe-Fotos	Kathy Stohr
Amy Zimmerman	Kelley Washington
Beth Stover	Kim Collins
Carie Bires	Renee Tetrick
Denise Del Isolla	Reyna Hernandez
Joanna Su	Sandy De León
Julia Zhu	Tom Layman
	Vanessa Rich

On Phone:

Ann Freiburg	Gail Nelson
Bernadette Laumann	Kim Zalent
Carolyn Newberry-Schwartz	Leah Pouw
Chelsea Guillen	Madelyn James
Christy- ISBE	Penny Smith
Cindy Berry	Shauna Ejeh

2. Review SIAC meeting minutes from 05.19.2015 (5 minutes)

Karen Berman

1st motion to approve minutes: Amy Zimmerman; 2nd motion: Carie Bires; All approved.

3. Early Childhood Block Grant re-compete (45 minutes)

Reyna Hernandez/ Cindy Zumwalt

a) ELC Exec. Approval

- An update on the ECBG FY17 Mapping document was provided.
- It was shared that feedback and concerns obtained from September meeting (held in lieu of regularly scheduled SIAC meeting) were incorporated into the ECBG planning document.
- Prioritization of funding as stated in planning document was reviewed: 1) Program slots, 2) Enhanced Services, 3) Capacity-building Partnerships
- All those who were part of input process on design of the ECBG re-compete were thanked.

- Question was raised of how funds should be prioritized by state geography.
- In order to build robust application, ISBE is looking for large, guiding principles.
- It was recognized that suggested changes to ECBG design will be a culture shift.
- Clarification was made that the incorporation of recommendations will not aim to add in hard targets or percentage metrics, but instead, on front-end, ISBE wants programs to piece together and write how they fit into ecosystem in community (e.g. how they partner with HS and who they will serve beyond HS's capacity.)
- The re-compete timeline was clarified: ISBE aims to release FY18 ECBG application in December 2016 or January 2017 to allow for more time for applicants to prepare applications.

b) TA/ Support for providers to apply

- Bidding conference will also have an electronic, webinar component in order to have wider reach to prospective applicants throughout state.
- Release of RFP will ideally also include provision of Technical Assistance to various communities in order to support applicants with RFP process.
- We need to think about how to fund and support TA to applicants to support their application process and their initial implementation process.

c) AFS recommendations

Carie Bires, co-chair of All Families Served (AFS) subcommittee, provided presentation on AFS Recommendations on ECBG Risk Categories & Service Delivery System.

- The AFS Subcommittee recommended a two-prong approach to serving more children from priority populations:
 "1. Existing programs should be expected and supported to (a) increase the number of children served from the defined priority populations, and (b) increase their capacity to deliver effective services to these higher-need populations. The SIS and e-grant data systems could be used to track overall progress in these two areas. New or redirected funding will be required to support programs and to build ISBE data and monitoring capacity. 2. The subcommittee also recommends that some funding be redirected or added to expand programs specifically targeted to priority populations, using the Preschool Expansion Grant model, but adapted for the entire birth to five continuum, not just four-year-olds."
- A total 7 recommendations of how to achieve recommended goals, in addition to three addendum items making recommendations on who should be awarded competitive priority, requirements for specific articulations of plans within applications, and establishment of indicators to better understand impact of services were made.
- Recommendation included that the 4 priority groups remain same as those in highest priority section of enrollment and weighted eligibility form for Preschool Expansion : Children experiencing homelessness, with special needs or IEP, Income below 50%FPL, and current or recent child welfare involvement

Feedback received on AFS recommendations:

- Amy Zimmerman suggested having families where parents (not children) have severe disabilities/diagnoses be considered as another priority population for re-compete. It was clarified that this group is no longer part of CCAP eligibility

guidelines. Suggestion was made that at a minimum “children with parents with severe disabilities/diagnoses” could be provided as an example of what a community could select as its “other” priority eligibility group.

- Written recommendation, which includes research and evidence around making “parents with diagnoses” a priority, was requested.
- Discussion around moving prioritization of groups beyond just ECBG and have as common vision throughout early childhood system and various funding streams took place.
- In order to respond to issue of expulsions/suspensions, Alli Lowe-Fotos made recommendation to add training in racial bias to Point F “Support additional professional development for teachers and staff working with the highest-risk families, especially around trauma-informed practice”.

d) Other areas for Input

- Reyna Hernandez, ISBE, asked the group to now think about which ELC subcommittee can answer question of “what” children at various levels of risk are eligible to receive or should receive, now that the “who” is eligible has been answered by the AFS Subcommittee.
- The next priority for SIAC is to provide recommendations, in collaboration with ISBE, on how to prioritize communities based on risk and need in the new competition. It was agreed that a meeting should be set up in new year with interested committee members to discuss this issue. Interested persons should email Sandy De León.
 - Recommendations included to have the group that will be meeting look back at data collected during PDG roll-out and to look at ACA data as well as what IDPH collects.

4. ELC SIAC Subcommittee Updates (30 minutes)

- Health

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- Due to all recent transitions at various state agencies, suggestion was made to bring approved Health Recommendations back to Inter-Agency Team (IAT). The DCFS Advisory Committee is considering the recommendations currently.
- Next major piece of work for subcommittee was reviewed: Promoting health providers’ increased understanding of early childhood programs and the role they play in helping children and families to achieve good health outcomes, as well as increasing the number of health providers conducting developmental and social-emotional screenings. It was shared that prospective members and stakeholders are being sought to join the subcommittee and contribute to this future work. Additionally, new co-chairs are being named.

- Community Systems Development

Jeanna Capito/ Joanna Su

- Due to ongoing concerns expressed about regional boundaries and duplication of work of pre-existing councils in regional hubs listening sessions, there have been some modifications. Regional hubs will not have geographic boundaries. Instead, trainings, TA, coaching, etc. will be brought out to communities.
- SIAC members interested in providing input were asked to contact Joanna Su from CSD.
- IL Early Childhood Community Collaboration Profiles: 2015 community profiles were updated and revised. New report can be found at <http://partnerplanact.org/illinois-community-partnership-profiles/>)

- Innovation Zone Webinars: First two webinar recordings on building a pipeline and developmental screening can be found on www.partnerplanact.org/webinars. Participation in the final webinar was encouraged. It is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 1:30 pm. Flyer with more details on webinars was distributed as part of meeting packet.
- Members were informed that if they want to keep up-to-date with community systems work by visiting the Partner Plan Act website and/or liking Partner Plan Act on Facebook.

- Special Education

Alli Lowe-Fotos

- Recommendations to the Child Find project are almost final. Ultimately, goal is to improve Child Find data collection and analysis process in order to be able to identify where screenings are occurring and where referrals are being made. Input from CFCs, LEAs, IZs, IDHS, OECD, providers, and public sector was received when drafting recommendations. It was acknowledged that they won't be able to get an unduplicated count of children screened at this moment, but short-term can post data to child find data site and analyze for trends and identify zip codes of where screenings were completed and where gaps exist.
- Recommendations and findings will be shared with DRE in January 2016 or following meeting.
- Rollout of Child Find recommendations and new data collection form will begin with a couple CFCs and the early childhood and health providers in April/May with a goal of full implementation of the new collection procedures statewide in the next fiscal year.
- The MOU templates and guidance under ExceleRate will be rolled out with Innovation Zones first to get feedback and make any necessary changes before statewide use. The Innovation Zones will support at least one child care in entering the MOUs with one LEA and one CFC. A survey will be drafted to obtain feedback on use of template and guidance.

Child Find Data Collection (10 minutes)

Ann Freiburg

- Note: Full update on Child Find data collection is provided under Special Education subcommittee update
- It was shared that a one-pager is being prepared by ISBE and IDHS, which explains Child Find, and clarifies the role of LEAs, CFCs, and other early childhood providers in project.

5. Federal and State Updates (15 minutes)

OECD

- Kathy Stohr introduced Kelley Washington, the new Executive Director of OECD as of December 1st.
- Kelley Washington shared that prior to taking on new role she was chief of staff for Beth Purvis. Her goal is to sustain and continue new partnerships and drive further system improvements and ensure that early childhood is integrated to health and human services transition work.
- It was shared that currently work is being completed on state CCDF plan. PIC has made recommendations of what should go on final plan. Notice of public hearing/ comment period will be communicated. It is possible hearing will take place on January 9th.
- MIECHV has changed its application. It is due mid-January. OECD has to finalize application by end of week. There is concern Illinois will not receive full amount of \$8.6M due to lack of maintenance of effort brought on by budget impasse.
- Update on ExceleRate was provided:

As of November 2015, 893 licensed child care centers have at least bronze rating, 500 of which are gold-rated. There are an additional 1,047 school-based programs in ExceleRate, 75% of those are gold. A total 323 licensed family homes are now in ExceleRate and 8,777 credentialed professionals are in Gateways.

- Elizabeth Rothkopf was just hired as PDG Birth to Third grade Continuity Director
- Funding of \$6M in area of mental health consultation is being awarded to different states. Illinois is trying to build workforce capacity of mental health consultants serving young children.

6. Next Steps (5 minutes)

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Next steps in different areas are contained within the respective sections

7. Reminders

- ELC Executive Committee Meeting: February 1, 2016 (1:00-4:00 pm)
Location: ISBE V-Tel rooms in Springfield and Chicago
- ELC Meeting: February 22, 2016 (11:00 am-2:00 pm)
Chicago: Roosevelt University
- SIAC Meeting: March 17, 2015 (10am-12pm)
Chicago: 33 W. Monroe, Suite 2400, Executive Committee Room
- **Handouts:** Meeting agenda (12.15.15), Minutes: SIAC mtg. (5.29.2015), ECBG Planning FY17, SIAC ECBG Meeting Final Notes, Draft AFS Subcommittee Recommendations, Addendum to Recommendations, History and Next Steps for State Supports CSD System, Child Find Recommendations Draft, IZ Webinar Flyer
Emailed after meeting: An updated version of "Addendum to Recommendations on risk categories and service delivery"